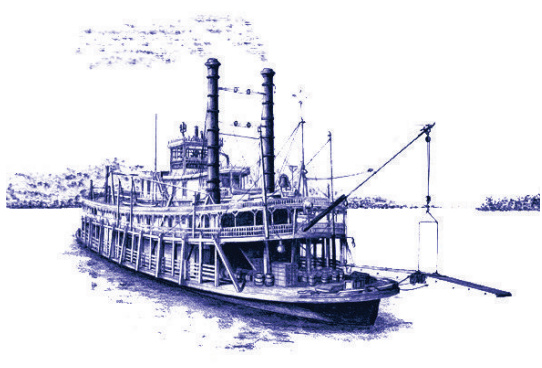




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Mundt named Police Chief, MPD to have 2 assistant chiefs

BY BOB DEMAREE

More than one month after being named as interim chief, Rick Mundt was appointed Madison Police Chief at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) meeting. In addition, two assistant chiefs have been named.

Mundt, who was appointed by unanimous vote of the BPWS, is to be officially sworn in at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Mundt also announced that he will have two assistant chiefs — Ricky Harris and Kyle Cutshaw.

Mundt, a 30-year veteran of the department, was named interim chief when it was announced by the city in October that Shawn Scudder would no longer serve as

Chief of Police.

Mundt had most recently served as Assistant Chief of Police but he has held multiple leadership roles throughout his career including Crime Scene Investigator and Patrol Captain. A 1989 graduate of Southwestern High School, Mundt continued his education at Ball State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Harris joined MPD in 2009 while Cutshaw has been with MPD since 2014.

"This is a unique situation for Madison to have two majors assisting our chief but I think it bodes well for the future of our department as well as for the professionalism and the qualifications that our two detectives bring to the table in adding

support for Chief Mundt and for guiding the future of the Madison Police Department," said Mayor Bob Courtney, who praised both Harris and Cutshaw for their past law enforcement work for the city. "You guys have had a great impact on our detective resources at the Madison Police Department."

In other business:
• Courtney announced that Dupont Water Company has appealed a recent ruling in favor of Madison to provide water service to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center. Final judgment was entered Oct. 30 by Sarah Evans Barker, U.S. District Court Judge of the Southern District of Indiana. On Nov. 25 that ruling was appealed by Dupont.

"We'll continue to get to enjoy spending the next year in litigation defending ourselves again," said Courtney. "We'll continue to defend ourselves. I think it's a waste of taxpayer money, candidly, for that, but we will continue to defend ourselves on all of those legal matters."

In other legal news, Courtney said mediation has been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the lawsuit over the demolition and removal of trailers on Moody Park Lane in Madison.

• Approved the purchase of VacCon, a sewer cleaning machine, at a cost of \$433,752 to replace the city's nine-year-old model that has not been functioning properly according to Utilities Superintendent Brian Jackson.

• Approved payment of \$80,199.90 to Sedam Contracting for transfer city station improvements through Nov. 19. Chris Hale, the city's Director of Streets, Facilities and

Solid Waste, said the project "is progressing on schedule and on budget" and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. The board also approved payment of \$1,372.50 to engineering firm JTL Prime.

• Approved payment of \$60,412.98 to All-Star Paving for eliminating "the extremely deep gutter, curb and water issues" on the northwest area of Main and Vine streets, which Hale said will fill in the gutter "and bring the curb back to an appropriate height." He said the work will also provide for more parking.

"It will be a large improvement for that area," expected to be completed in approximately three weeks, said Hale noting that Main Street work for this year is wrapping up with only a few minor details to be completed.



Rick Mundt

Light Up Madison begins local Christmas festivities

BY BOB DEMAREE

Christmas season festivities have begun in Madison, kicked off Friday with the turning on of holiday lights at the Broadway Fountain.

"There is just something special and magical about being in Madison for the holidays. There are so many activities going on" said Mayor Bob Courtney before a crowd that gathered in spite of unseasonably cold temperatures.

The Light Up Madison celebration also included the announcement that Audrey Katerberg, a fifth grader at Madison Junior High School, was selected as winner of the contest for Madison students grades 1-5 to create cover art for the the city's official Christmas card for 2025. More than 200 entries were submitted. Katerberg's artwork depicts the Broadway Fountain with Christmas lighting.

Friday's event also included an open house at Trinity United Methodist Church, where visitors enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies and the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. The church's sanctuary was also open with Dave Hottel, the church's director of music and organist, playing the pipe organ.

The lighting at the Broadway Fountain coincided with the beginning of Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes that continues through this coming weekend — Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 3-9 p.m.

There are more events to follow in Madison including the Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. on Main Street, featuring festive floats, giant helium balloons and more. After the parade, festivities will continue with the city's Christmas Celebration at the



Bob Demaree

Audrey Katerberg, a fifth grader at Madison Junior High School, was selected as the winner of a contest for Madison students in grades 1-5 to create cover art for the front of the city's official Christmas card for 2025. More than 200 entries were submitted. Katerberg (far right) is pictured with Santa Claus and Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.



Ruby Betancourt, 2, met with Santa Claus on Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church after the Light Up Madison ceremony at the Broadway Fountain.



Bob Demaree

Santa Claus takes the walk from the Madison branch of the Jefferson County Public Library on his way to the Broadway Fountain for Friday's Light Up Madison ceremony. The library hosted children to sing Christmas carols and hear library director Judy Terpening read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Broadway Fountain to visit Santa Claus, enjoy inflatables, food trucks and more through 3 p.m. Santa Claus will be there through 2 p.m.

Santa Claus will also be at Santa's Cottage in front of the Main Street Comfort

Station the next three Fridays from 5-8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2-5 p.m.

Coming up Saturday at Hanover will be the fifth annual Hanover Christmas Craft Fair with vendors at

the Southwestern Elementary School cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the craft fair from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Hanover

Community Building, there will be the second annual Reindeer Games that will include a visit by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with Santa

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Lawmakers turn focus to redistricting

BY ISABELLA VOLMERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indiana House members are expected to press forward Monday with redrawing the state's congressional districts in Republicans' favor, increasing pressure on their defiant counterparts in the GOP-led Senate to meet President Donald Trump's demands.

Republicans who control the House have said there's no doubt that redistricting will pass that chamber. But the fate of any proposal remains uncertain in the Senate. Republicans control that chamber, but caucus members have resisted pressure to redistrict for months.

Senate leadership recently backed off its previous intentions not to meet at all, agreeing to convene next Monday. However, it's still unclear whether enough senators will support a new map.

Republicans hold seven of Indiana's nine U.S. House seats. Trump and other Republicans want to make the map 9-0 in the GOP's favor, seeking to give the party two extra seats in the 2026 elections that will determine control of the U.S. House. Democrats only need to flip a handful of seats to overcome the Republicans' current margin.

Indiana House Republicans published a draft of a map Monday morning still featuring nine congressional districts, but with new boundaries designed to oust the state's two Democratic U.S. House members.

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OBITUARY

Janice Faye Meeks Hand

Janice Faye Meeks Hand, age 78, of Columbus, IN, entered this life on Dec. 16, 1946, in Warren County, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late John and Dortha Wingfield Meeks. She was raised in Warren County, KY, and Scott County, IN, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1964 in Lexington, IN.

On Dec. 21, 1968, she was united in marriage to Kenneth V. Hand in Scott County, IN. This happy union of nearly 57 years was blessed with daughters, Karen, Katherine, Emily, and Melanie. The family settled in Columbus, where Kenneth worked at Cummins Engine Company. She was a faithful member of Parkside Baptist Church in Columbus, where she sang in the choir and served in children's ministry. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, cake decorating, and collecting dishes.

Janice was known by all for her generosity and hospitality. She always thought of others before herself, and loved to entertain her friends, and family, in her home. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was awaiting the birth of two more great grandchildren. Her family was the most important part of her life except for her relationship with her Lord Jesus Christ. Janice passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025, at 3:22 p.m., at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus, IN.

Janice will be missed by her loving husband of nearly 57 years, Kenneth V. Hand of Columbus, IN; her loving daughters, Karen Bray (Jeff) of Columbus, IN, Katherine Taylor of Hol-



land, MI, Emily Jaggers (Scott) of Indianapolis, IN, Melanie Klinker (David) of Columbus, IN; her loving grandchildren: Caleb, Molly, Jonathan, Hannah, Joey, Natalie, Margaret, Elizabeth, Ian, Philip, Derrick, and Andrew; her great grandson, Wesley; her brothers, Johnny R. Meeks (Susan LaFary) of Columbus, IN, Douglas N. Meeks (Piper) of Marion, IN; her sister in law, Cheryl Hand Hall (Tony) of Madison, IN; two nieces and four nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Meeks and her mother, Dortha Wingfield Meeks.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Nathan Meeks at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkside Baptist Church in Columbus, IN. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS
Nov. 28, 2025

Casey Lynn Franklin, 33, Hanover, for Battery-2 Counts and Communication-Intimidation, all Level 6 felony4s; and Battery and Criminal Mischief, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Tracey Marie Franklin, 37, Hanover, for Battery, Communication-Intimidation and Criminal Mischief, all Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Nov. 29, 2025
Elizabeth A. Garvey, 56, Madison, for Burglary, a Level 5 felony; Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony; Communication-Intimidation, a Class A misdemeanor; and Criminal Mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Nov. 30, 2015
Melody R. Pedigo, 48, Austin, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for Probation Violation. Bond \$2,500 cash.

Scott Leon Powers, 52, Hanover, for Burglary, a Level 5 felony; and Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Earl Gene Root Jr., 56, Medora, Indiana, on a warrant to hold for Jackson County, Indiana. No bond.

Destiny Marie Walker, 34, Versailles, Indiana, for Burglary, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

Dec. 1, 2025
Carson Wesley Rutherford, 21, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS
Nov. 26, 2025

Seth Joseph Hoevener, 30, Lexington, Indiana, for violation of probation (invasion of privacy). Court revokes 1 year probation sentenced to be executed at the Jefferson County Jail, consecutive to revocation of 1 year prior suspended sentence (invasion of privacy) and revocation of 2 years prior sentence (domestic battery). Plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY
Nov. 26, 2025

Jacob Bahr and Alaina Bahr to Eric Wright, 5 parcels at 606 South Grange Hall Road, Hanover.

Hanover Mobile Village Corp. to Phillips Development Inc., 316 Garrison Street, Hanover.

Hanover Mobile Village Corp. to Phillips Development Inc., 153 Williamson Drive, Hanover.

Regina A. Sudduth-Ball, Roderick Ball (deceased) and Regina A. Sudduth-Ball to Regina A. Sudduth-Ball, 9338 East Tate Ridge Road, Madison.

Sandra K. Luellen and Sandra K. Fitzgerald to Marilyn Luellen and Cindy Luellen (life estate), Orval G. Luellen, Heather Garcia and Aubri Goins, 8933 East State Road 56, Vevay.

Janey R. Uebel and Chares L. Uebel and Janet R. Uebel Revocable Living Trust to Shawn R. Uebel, 14842 West 175 North, Deputy.

DEATH NOTICES

Thomas “Tom” Churchill, 87, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, at his home. Cremation was chosen with no services. Arrangements by Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, IN, www.skfuneralhome.com.

Blaine Day, 66, of Locust Road, Milton, KY, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, at his home in Milton. Cremation was chosen. A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Hopewell Community Church on Locust Road near Milton. Arrangements byTandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY,

www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.day

Kevin Scott Fields, 40 of Madison, IN, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, at Norton Hospital from a heart attack. A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Arrangements by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Judge James D. Kleopfer Jr., 83, of Lexington, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at Norton Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover, and Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

James "JH" Harold Lee Sr., 75, of

Madison, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, with interment to follow in Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Linda M. Pettit, 76, of Bedford, KY, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025, at her residence. No services are planned. Interment will be in the Ralston Cemetery near Bedford. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2

Shirley Bear

Dan Carraco

Dec. 3

Sara Denhart
Laura Moseley

Dec. 4

Beth Karst Taylor
Karen Rose VanWye

Dec. 5

Ashlee Hafer

Dec. 6

Darrell Henderson

Dawn Jines

Don McCauley

Dec. 9

Denise Buxton

ANNIVERSARIES

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Dean and Tracy Hafer

LOTTERIES

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto 7-12-21-28-32-44 (11/29). Estimated Jackpot: \$7.2 million. Next Drawing (12/3)
Cash Five: 3-5-10-11-19 (11/30)

Cash 4 Life: 19-25-36-40-50 CB: 3 (11/30)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 15-16-22-33 CB: 2 (11/30)
Lucky For Life: 3-8-13-1 7-18

LB: 17 (11/30)
MEGAMILLIONS: 6-7-13-39-48 MB: 4 (11/28). Next Jackpot: \$90 million. Next Drawing (12/2)
POWERBALL: 19-22-30-32-59 PB: 1, PP 2 (11/29). Next

Estimated Jackpot: \$740 million. Next Drawing (12/1)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 16-18-20-23-61 PB: 22 (11/29). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/1)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Sunset: 5:21 p.m.
Temperature: High 35, Low 27, Mean 31.0, Deficit 9.1

Precipitation since last published: 1.25
Precipitation, November 2025: 3.98
Precipitation, 2025: 54.84

Barometer 30.57, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.41 feet, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 36/Low

27; Thursday: Partly sunny High 32/Low 20; Friday: Mostly cloudy High 35/Low 25; Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 37/Low 26.

FOCUS

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The city of Indianapolis would be split among four congressional districts, a major change to the current map where the city makes up the entirety of the 7th District, which reliably backs Democrats.

Indiana’s other current Democratic district is in the state’s northwest corner near Chicago. The new map would instead group a large portion of Republican counties in northern Indiana with the cities of East Chicago and Gary to make a new 1st Congressional District.

Indiana lawmakers have been under mounting pressure from the White House to redistrict, like Republicans in Texas, Ohio and North Carolina have done. To offset the GOP gains, Democrats in California and Virginia have moved to do the same.

But some Indiana Republicans have been far more resistant. Republicans in the state Senate rebelled against Republican Gov. Mike Braun in November and said they would not attend a special session he ordered on redistricting.

The chamber's top Republican, President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, at the time said the Senate did not have the votes. A spokesperson



Darron Cummings/AP photo

Indiana Republican House Speaker Todd Huston leaves the podium in the house chamber at the Statehouse, Jan. 8, 2024, in Indianapolis.

for Bray’s office did not respond Friday when asked if that is still the case.

Meanwhile, Trump attacked Indiana senators on social media, particularly Bray. He swore to endorse primary opponents of defecting senators. A spree of threats and swatting attempts were subsequently made against lawmakers who either said they do not support redistricting or have not taken a stance. At least one lawmaker in favor of redistricting and Braun was also threatened.

Last week, the House announced plans to convene

in Indianapolis on Monday. “All legislative business will be considered beginning next week, including redrawing the state’s congressional map,” House Speaker Todd Huston said in a statement Tuesday.

The Indiana Senate, where several lawmakers objected to leadership's refusal to hold a vote, then said members

would reconvene Dec. 8. “The issue of redrawing Indiana’s congressional maps mid-cycle has received a lot of attention and is causing strife here in our state,” Bray said in a statement Tuesday. He said the Senate will finally decide the matter this month.

Volmert reported from Lansing, Michigan.



Bob Demaree

Prior to Light Up Madison on Friday at the Broadway Fountain, children had the opportunity to meet Santa Claus at the Madison branch of the Jefferson County Public Library. The family of Eloise Sweet gather to take photos of the the six-month old girl with Santa for what will be her first-ever Christmas season.

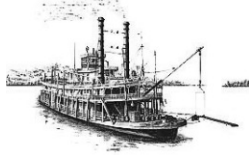
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reading “Twas the Night Before Christmas.”

There will be two other visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Hanover

Community Building — 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, a special daytime visit for younger children. On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be Brunch with the Grinch at the community building.



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Madison Theatre presents classic Christmas special on stage

BY BOB DEMAREE

The story of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” will be staged this weekend at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium as a part of several Christmas activities by Madison Theatre this month.

“I love Christmas,” said director Aaron Kelsey, who was thrilled that the version of the play became available for students this past summer.

The production by MCHS students is based on the classic stop motion animated Christmas television special that began airing on NBC in 1964 then moved to CBS in 1972.

“It’s so fun to watch,” said Maddie Guirguis, who has the role of the snowman that serves as the narrator, a part voiced by Burl Ives in the TV special. “It’s an amazing show for kids, and even for older audiences, they will remember watching the Christmas special on TV. Anyone of any ages can come and relate, and have fun at the show.”

Scout Porter will play Yokon Cornelius, a prospector who searched for silver and gold throughout life, a character she said provides “comedic relief and is very high energy.”

Other actors include Asher Ulerly as Santa Claus, Leila Geyman at Mrs. Claus, Kota Perry as Donner and Train, Addison Todd-Humes as Mrs. Donner and Bird, Poppy Kelsey as Rudolph, Timothy Schoonover as Herney, Ashe Massie as Fireball and Charlie in the Box, Claire Miller as Clarice, Khloe LaPine as Pistol and Clarice’s father, Tavian Bauer as King Moonracer, Reagan Wynn as



Bob Demaree

Poppy Kelsey (center) plays Rudolph in this weekend's Madison Theatre production of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” At left is Claire Miller who plays Clarice and at right is Kota Perry who plays Donner.



Bob Demaree

Asher Ulerly (left) is Santa Claus and Leila Geyman is Mrs. Claus in this weekend's production of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” will be told this weekend at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Dolly, Alexis Patterson as Spotted Elephant, Aalyiah Gonzales-Maddox as Plane, and Samual Slade and Bauer

sharing the roles of Boss Elf and Coach Comet. A class ensemble will perform as elves, reindeer and reporters.



Bob Demaree

Maddie Guirguis has the role of the snowman, who serves as the narrator of this weekend's production of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindollar," a high school version of the classic TV special.



Bob Demaree

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” will be performed this weekend at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Pictured (from left) are Khloe LaPine as Clarice's father, Ashe Massie as Charlie in the Box, Alexis Patterson as Spotted Elephant, Reagan Wynn as Dolly and Tavian Bauer as Boss Elf.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission is available

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

LOUISVILLE BRASS

Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., Madison
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
This annual brass quintet concert of University of Louisville faculty has become a Madison tradition. Madison Performing Arts Foundation. Free. Donations appreciated.

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT HANOVER COLLEGE

Hanover College’s Fitzgibbon Recital Hall
Thursday, Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
Featuring the Hanover College Choral Ensembles directed by Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, and the Hanover College Instrumental Ensembles directed by Dr. Jonathan Stanley. Free admission to both.

CHRISTMAS SING

Hoosier Theater
209 Ferry St., Vevay
Friday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.
Fifth annual community holiday sing-a-long.

HANOVER CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Southwestern Elementary School Gymnasium
273 South Main Cross Street, Hanover
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Presented by the Hanover Parks Department with approximately 30 vendors.

MERRY MADISON PARADE AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.
Festive floats, giant Christmas balloons and a special appearance by Santa Claus himself take over Main Street

during this year’s A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade. After the parade, head over to the Broadway Fountain for our Christmas Celebration, continuing the festivities until 3 p.m. Enjoy a visit with Santa, tasty food vendors, holiday games, an appearance from the Grinch, and more.

COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

North Madison United Methodist Church
2235 Allen St., Madison
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m.
An advent service open to the community hosted by the United Methodist Churches of Jefferson County.

MADISON COMMUNITY BAND

Clifty Falls Inn
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.
The Madison Community Band plays holiday favorites. Madison Performing Arts Foundation. Free. Donations appreciated.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Musee de Venoge, 4085 SR 129, Vevay
Thiebaud Farmstead, 5147 East SR 56, Vevay
Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Visit during “Country Christmas” and experience the warmth and joy of the holiday season at the Thiebaud Farmstead and Musee de Venoge. A mixture of hearth cooking, music, crafts and tasty treats will surely delight the senses.

FUNDRAISER HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Madison-Jefferson County Public Library Book Sale
420 West Main St, Madison
Saturday, Dec. 6
The Friends of the Library

Holiday Book Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., Madison

BLOOD DRIVE

North Madison United Methodist Church
2235 Allen Street, Madison
Thursday, Dec. 4, Noon to 6 p.m.
Pre-register for the blood drive at redcrossblood.org.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

331 East Main Street, Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

HOUSE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

100 East Second Street, Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

NORTH MADISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, Dec. 20, 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS JESUS CLOTHES CLOSET

Trinity United Methodist

Church
412 West Main Street, Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

MADISON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

Community Foundation seeks scholarship applications

Deadline
for 2026
Feb. 6 at noon

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC) scholarship applications for the Class of 2026 are now open. Online applications will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 6, at noon. This past spring, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$205,000 to the Class of 2025 in Jefferson County.

To apply, students must create a profile and complete the online application available at the link provided on the Community Foundation’s Scholarship page at www.cfmjc.org. For the general scholarship process, students will answer a collection of common questions that will match them with the scholarships for which they are eligible to apply. They may also complete the separate application for the Madison Chautauqua Scholarship for the Arts in Memory of Bob Fourhman. “We are fortunate to have so many generous donors interested in helping Jefferson County students reach the next level of their educational goals,” said Community Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Julie Wells. Wells shared some tips to help students put their “best foot forward” as they

online at madisontheatrein.com at \$14 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission at the door is \$17 for adults and \$7 for students. For the two 2:30 p.m. matinee performances, adult tickets are \$4 off.

Also on Saturday is the Rudolph’s Holly Jolly Jamboree from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, where families can come to enjoy Christmas carols, face paintings, crafts, reindeer games, stories and more. Enter door 9 at the high school. Tickets are \$10 at madisontheatrein.com.

There also will be a fine arts festival Dec. 12-13. On Friday, Dec. 12 there will be a handmade market and pop-up shops from 5-8 p.m. with vendors in the lobby of Opal Sherman Auditorium and again Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., there will be a band and choir holiday concert. On Saturday, Dec. 13, Chelsea Dattilo will be performing “It’s a Wonderful Life” radio play at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day. There is no admission to the concert or to the radio play except a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the student food pantry.

Two former Madison Theatre students — Zoe Bullock and Mia Mires — are cast members for Irving Berlin’s “Holiday Inn” being performed Dec. 4-28 at the Coverdale Center for the Performing Arts in Cincinnati. Bullock and Mires are both 2023 MCHS graduates.

Spicer nursing scholarship applications due Feb. 6

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County is currently accepting applications for the Carolyn Bruce Spicer & Gene E. Spicer Nursing Scholarship. Online applications will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 6 at noon.

This scholarship is open to registered nurses living in Jefferson, Clark, Jennings, Ripley, Scott or Switzerland counties in Indiana or Carroll or Trimble counties in Kentucky who have their associate degree in nursing and are planning to pursue their bachelor’s degree in nursing. Carolyn Bruce Spicer was

a nurse for 45 years, and she and her husband, Gene, wanted this endowment to help area nurses attain the next level of their education. This endowment also awards a scholarship to a Madison Consolidated High School senior planning to pursue an associate or bachelor’s degree in Nursing.

Applicants must create a profile and complete the online application available at <https://cfmjc.org/scholarships>. communityforce.com.

“We thank Carolyn and Gene for helping registered nurses in the area reach the next level of their educational goals,” said Community

Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Julie Wells.

Wells shared some tips to help applicants put their “best foot forward” as they apply for this scholarship:

- Don’t wait until the last minute to submit your application. -Read and follow ALL instructions.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible in order to upload the Student Aid Index (SAI) page of the report.
- Have a PDF copy of your transcript reflecting the completion of your associate degree in Nursing.
- Contact the Community

Foundation staff members if you experience technical issues prior to the application deadline date.

Established in 1991, the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County fulfills the mission of building a strong, vibrant community by helping donors provide perpetual funding for the people, projects, and passions of Jefferson County.

For more information about Community Foundation scholarships, visit the Scholarship page at www.cfmjc.org, contact Julie Wells at 812-274-0945, or email julie@cfmjc.org.

Louisville Brass to perform Thursday at Trinity United Methodist

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Madison Performing Arts Foundation is welcoming the Louisville Brass in concert at Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., at 7 p.m. Thursday. The ensemble has played in Madison for several years, performing classical music during the holiday season and some Christmas carols.

Louisville Brass, founded

in 1993, is comprised of music school faculty who make up the resident brass quintet at the University of Louisville School of Music.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Madison Community Band will perform at Clifty Falls Inn at 7:30 p.m. in another Madison Performing Arts Foundation event.

Admission to both concerts is free. Donations are appreciated.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Daddy, how do you spell 'ME'?
And say it one letter
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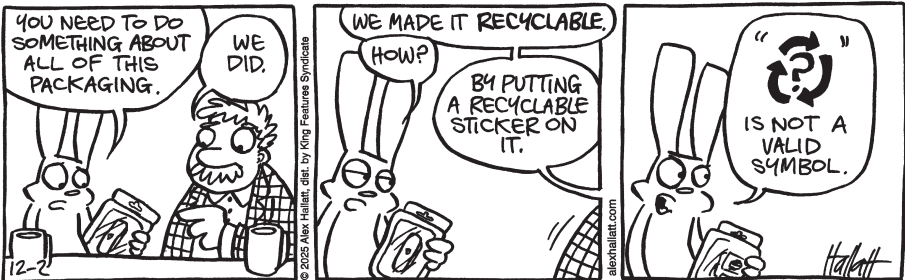
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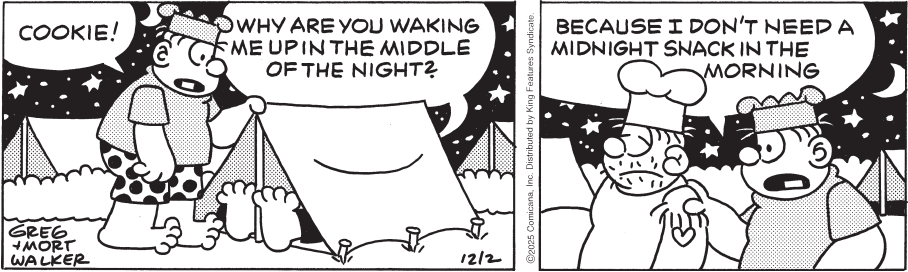
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COOKIE! WHY ARE YOU WAKING ME UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

BECAUSE I DON'T NEED A MIDNIGHT SNACK IN THE MORNING

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



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THE STALL

HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU?

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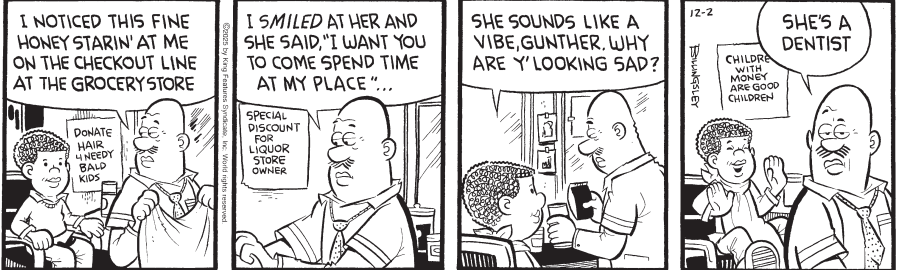
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DO YOU HAVE ANY THANKSGIVING LEFTOVERS? I SURE DO!

I'VE GOT LEFTOVER TURKEY, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, GREEN BEANS AND PUMPKIN PIE! GREAT, I'LL TAKE IT

NO CAN DO...I BROUGHT THEM ALL IN TO EAT ON MY BREAK!

CURTIS



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I NOTICED THIS FINE HONEY STARIN' AT ME ON THE CHECKOUT LINE AT THE GROCERY STORE

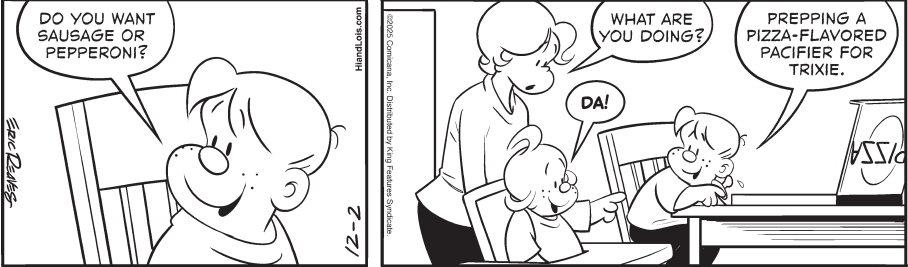
I SMILED AT HER AND SHE SAID, "I WANT YOU TO COME SPEND TIME AT MY PLACE"...

SHE SOUNDS LIKE A VIBE, GUNTHER. WHY ARE Y'LOOKING SAD?

SHE'S A DENTIST

CHILDREN WITH MONEY ARE GOOD CHILDREN

HI & LOIS



12-2

DO YOU WANT SAUSAGE OR PEPPERONI?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

PREPPING A PIZZA-FLAVORED PACIFIER FOR TRIxie.

PARDON MY PLANET



12-2

MAYBE LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN, BUT I ASSURE YOU, NOTHING ON BUS GOES ROUND 'N' ROUND!

IN THE DAYS BEFORE THE WHEEL

ZITS



12-2

IS THAT HOW IT'S GOING TO BE FROM NOW ON? I TALK, AND YOU JUST GIVE ME THE GEN-Z STARE?

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO POLITE SOCIAL DISCOURSE BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD?

GAH!

I'M NOT COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THIS.

DUMPLINGS



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UGH... STUPID SCHOOL... FRANNY, GET OVER IT...

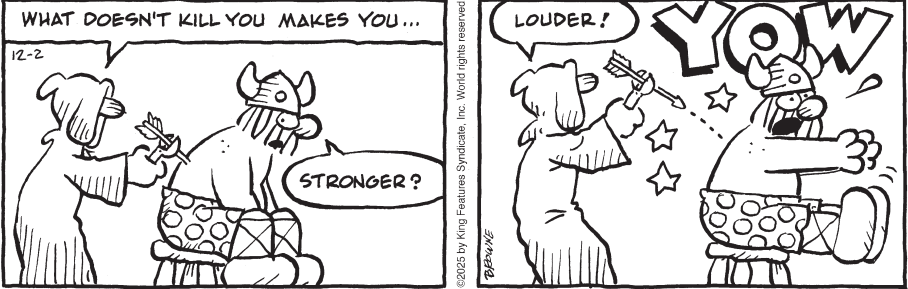
YOU'VE GOT NINE MORE YEARS OF THIS! NOW, ACCEPT IT AND STOP COMPLAINING!

WAIT, I'M NOT GOING TO COLLEGE, SO DON'T COUNT THOSE YEARS.

I'M NOT.

DANG.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU ... STRONGER?

LOUDER!

YOW

SIX CHIX

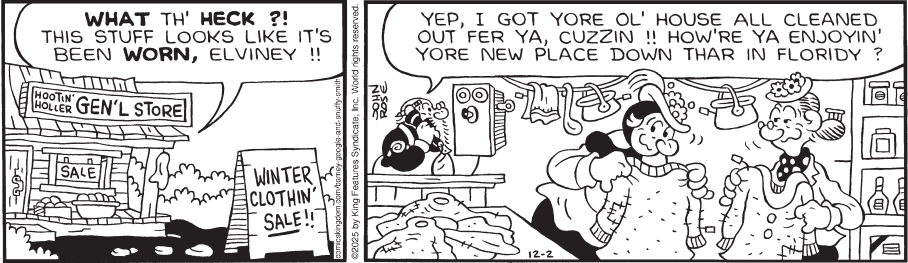


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GIRL, I HAVE A NEW CRUSH.

IS IT THE ENTIRE CAST OF 'FRANKENSTEIN'?

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



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WHAT TH' HECK ?! THIS STUFF LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN WORN, ELVINEY !!

YEP, I GOT YORE OL' HOUSE ALL CLEANED OUT FER YA, CUZZIN !! HOW'RE YA ENJOYIN' YORE NEW PLACE DOWN THAR IN FLORIDY ?

SALLY FORTH



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DRIVING TO RONAN'S FAMILY ESTATE FROM THE AIRPORT... I BET THE PLACE IS AMAZING...

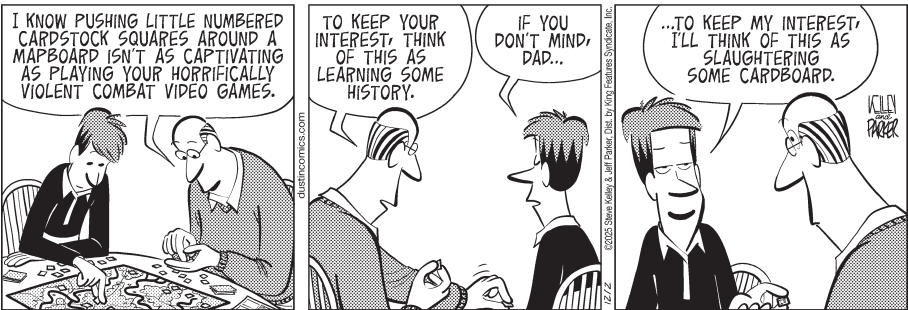
THERE'S PROBABLY A PRIVATE DOCK. AND A HELIPORT!

AND JETPACKS TO GET TO THE HELIPORT!

TED, IS YOUR SOUL GONNA SNAP IF THE HOUSE TURNS OUT TO BE A PLEASANT SPLIT-LEVEL?

I BET THE BUTLER HAS A FASCINATING PAST. DEFINITELY MIS.

DUSTIN



12-2

I KNOW, PUSHING LITTLE NUMBERED CARDSTOCK SQUARES AROUND A MAPBOARD ISN'T AS CAPTIVATING AS PLAYING YOUR HORRIFICALLY VIOLENT COMBAT VIDEO GAMES.

TO KEEP YOUR INTEREST, THINK OF THIS AS LEARNING SOME HISTORY.

IF YOU DON'T MIND, DAD...

...TO KEEP MY INTEREST, I'LL THINK OF THIS AS SLAUGHTERING SOME CARDBOARD.

MUTTS



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OOPS

HEY!

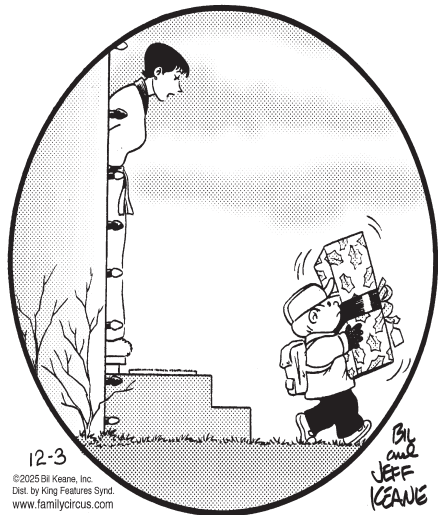
SORRY.

HEY!

I SHOULD HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS.

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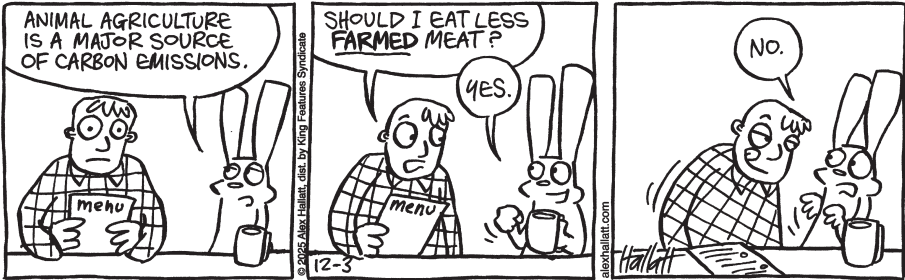
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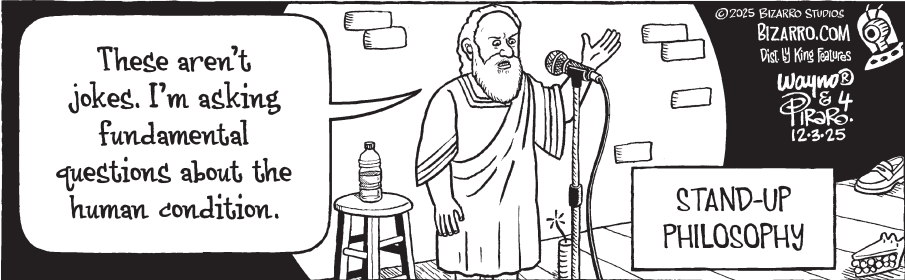
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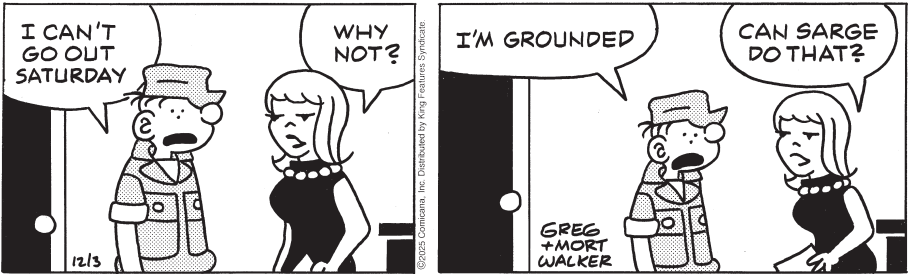
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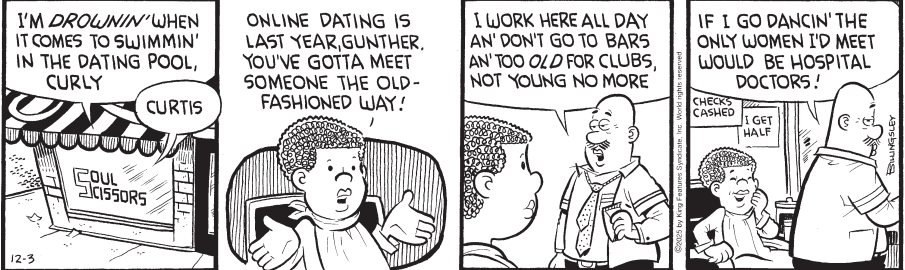
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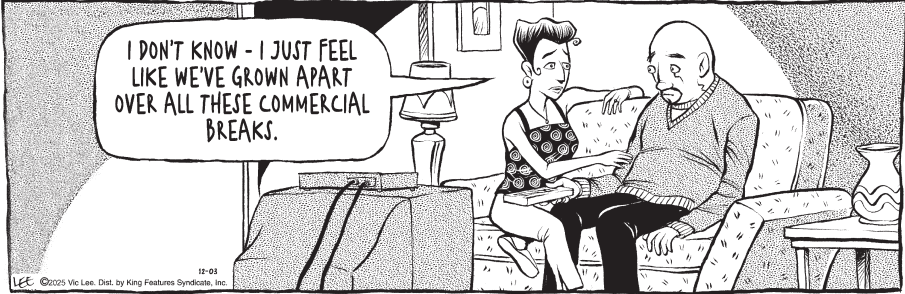
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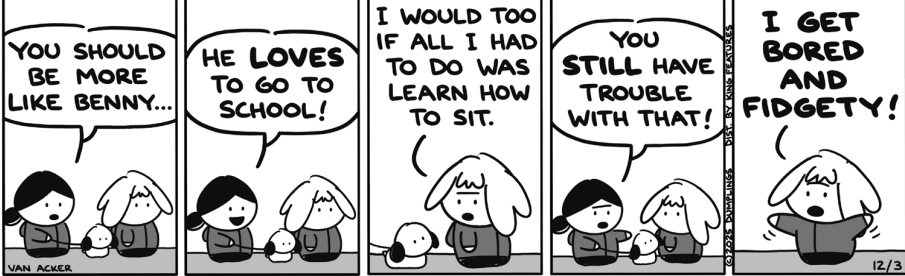
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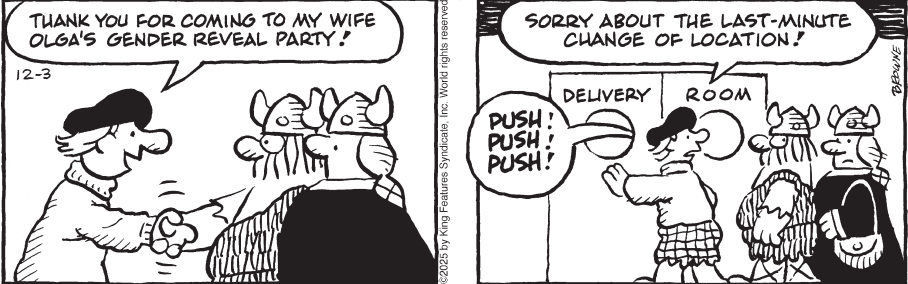
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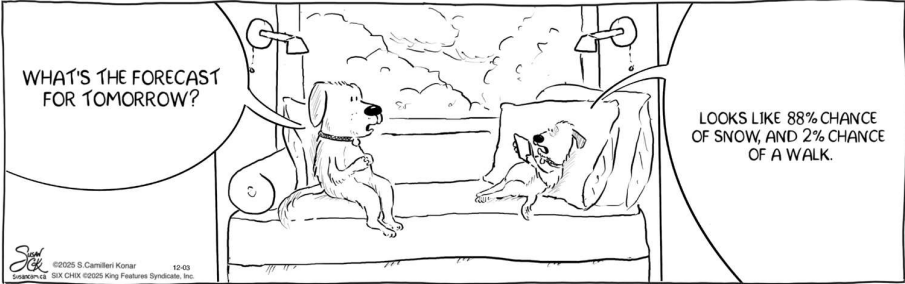
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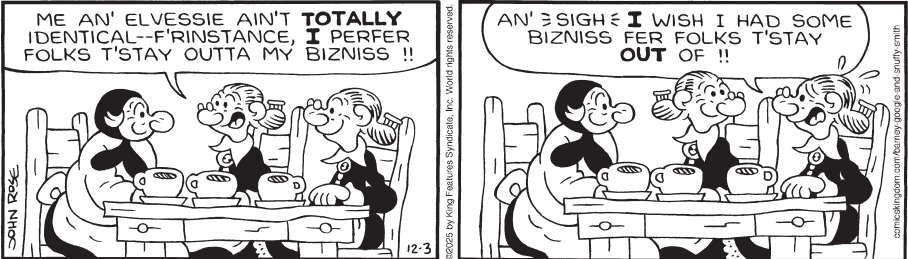
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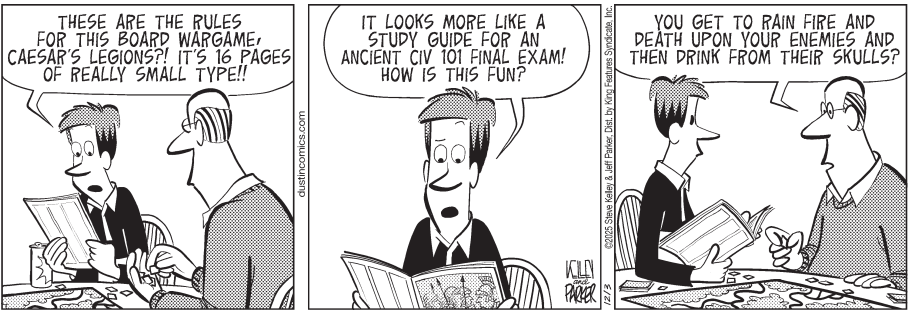
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Shades of Orange



Sunrise painted the morning sky — and its reflection off of a calm Ohio River — in vibrant shades of orange at downtown Madison on Saturday, November 29, 2025. The spectacular show lasted just minutes before the sun brightened the entire valley for another day and turned the vivid oranges into pastels of pink and blue.

Mark Campbell

Girls Weekend to be more casual experience in 2026

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's Girls Weekend is being reimagined for 2026 as a more casual, shop-and-support-local celebration set for March 6-8.

The Madison Main Street Program is now teaming with Visit Madison Inc. (VMI) for an event that is no longer paid and ticketed, but a weekend that focuses more on local business offerings by allowing participants to choose their own activities for a fun weekend.

VMI will take all business offerings and curate a special Girls Weekend Guide that highlights discounts, pop-ups, tastings, and other promotions.

“We know how popular this weekend is for visitors and businesses alike, so when the event did not fit into our refreshed strategic plan, we wanted to find a partner for it that would keep the spirit alive and we found that partner in Visit Madison Indiana,” said Austin Sims, Executive Director of the Madison Main Street Program. “We hope everyone will mark their calendars because downtown will be buzzing with energy. It will be the perfect excuse to grab your girlfriends and head to Madison.”

The overall theme will be “Shamrockin’ Girls Weekend,” although businesses are welcome to create their own specials that can either follow the theme or do something different.

Businesses that want to create and add their special discounts or offerings for Girls Weekend should submit that information to VMI by Jan. 9 to be included in the printed and digital Girls Weekend Guide and possibly be featured in additional marketing efforts. There is no charge for local businesses to participate.

“We’re looking at this year as an opportunity to simplify and refocus on what makes Girls Weekend so fun: supporting local businesses, sharing time with friends, and soaking up the unique vibe of downtown Madison,” said Andrew Forrester, VMI director. “It’s still going to be a memorable weekend — just in a more laid-back, self-guided way.”

The official Girls Weekend Guide will be published by Visit Madison in early 2026 with a roundup of in-store happenings. All Girls Weekend related questions should be emailed to girlsweekend@visitmadis on.org.

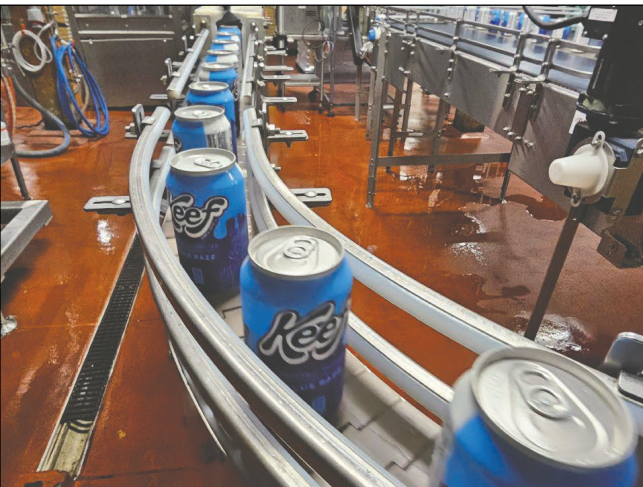
What a federal ban on THC-infused drinks and snacks could mean for the hemp industry

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI AND GENE JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — The production lines at Indeed Brewing moved quickly, the cans filling not with beer, but with THC-infused seltzer. The product, which features the compound that gets cannabis users high, has been a lifeline at Indeed and other craft breweries as alcohol sales have fallen in recent years.

But that boom looks set to come to a crashing halt. Buried in the bill that ended the federal government shutdown this month was a provision to ban those drinks, along with other impairing beverages and snacks made from hemp, which have proliferated across the country in recent years. Now the \$24 billion hemp industry is scrambling to save itself before the provision takes effect in November 2026.

“It’s a big deal,” said Ryan Bandy, Indeed’s chief business officer. “It would be a mess for our breweries, for our industry, and obviously for



Steve Karnowski/AP photo

Cans of seltzer containing THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, speed down the canning line at Indeed Brewing in Minneapolis on Thursday, Nov. 20.

a lot of people who like these things.”

Here’s what to know about the looming ban on impairing products derived from hemp.

CONGRESS OPENED THE DOOR IN 2018

Marijuana and hemp are the same species. Marijuana is cultivated for high levels of THC in its flowers. Low-

THC hemp is grown for its sturdy fibers, food or wellness products. “Rope, not dope” was long the motto of farmers who supported legalizing hemp.

After states began legalizing marijuana for adult use over a decade ago, hemp advocates saw an opening at the federal level. As part of the 2018 farm bill, Congress legalized the



Steve Karnowski/AP photo

Ryan Bandy, chief business officer at Indeed Brewing in Minneapolis, stands near a pallet of six-packs of seltzer containing THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, in his brewery on Thursday, Nov. 20.

cultivation of industrial hemp to give farmers, including in Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell’s home state of Kentucky, a new cash crop.

But the way that law defined hemp — as having less than 0.3% of a specific type of THC, called delta-9 — opened a huge loophole. Beverages or bags of snacks could meet that threshold and still contain more than enough THC to get people

high. Businesses could further exploit the law by extracting a non-impairing compound, called CBD, and chemically changing it into other types of impairing THC, such as delta-8 or delta-10.

The result? Vape oil, gummy candies, chips, cookies, sodas and other unregulated, untested products laden with hemp-derived THC spread around the country. In many

places, they have been available at gas stations or convenience stores, even to teens. In legal marijuana states, they undercut heavily taxed and regulated products. In others, they evaded the prohibition on recreational use of weed.

Some states, including Indiana, have reported spikes in calls to poison-control centers for pediatric exposure to THC.

A PATCHWORK OF STATE REGULATIONS

Dozens of states have since taken steps to regulate or ban impairing hemp products. In October, Democratic California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill banning the sale of intoxicating hemp products outside the state’s legal marijuana system.

Texas, which has a massive hemp market, is moving to regulate sales of impairing hemp, such as by restricting them to those over 21. In Nebraska, lawmakers have instead considered a bill to criminalize the sale and possession of products containing hemp-based THC.

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Sports

MADISON COURIER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Scroggins' growth as a player led Southwestern to sectional success

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Rorie Scroggins has always been tall and that height has served her well. But the Southwestern High School senior knew that she needed be more than just tall if she were to take her volleyball game to the next level.

This past season, Scroggins showcased how much she has learned, going from just being a hitter and a blocker to an all-around player that could beat teams in a variety of ways.

"I just needed to start focusing more on the whole part of my game, not just what my height gives me," Scroggins said. "My height gave me the ability to be able to hit and block well, but just being able to play the back row decently has been mainly part of my mental like attitude towards the sport."

With Scroggins leading the way, Southwestern put together one of its best seasons in nearly a decade — with 21 wins and a sectional championship — and earned Scroggins this year's Madison Courier Girls Volleyball Player of the Year award.

It's an honor she has worked toward and Southwestern coach Chris Johnson lauded her for her growth.



Nina Campbell

Southwestern senior Rorie Scroggins is the Madison Courier Girls Volleyball Player of the Year.

"Rorie has been one of my favorite players to watch develop over the course of her four years in high school and even seven years in volleyball altogether," Johnson said. "Early on, through middle school and into her freshman year, she was a player that I could see tremendous potential for. And I am so proud of the player and young lady that she has become."

Coming from a tall family, it was not surprising that Scroggins developed into a 6-foot hitting machine. Since her freshman year, she has been raining down kills on teams while defending the net.

But she needed to be more than a hitter if she was going to take her game to the next level and lead Southwestern back to sectional success.

"One of her best qualities is her coachability. She has always listened well to our coaching staff and really worked at improving her individual skills," Johnson said. "Each season in high school she has been able to build her skills and add a new element to her game. Last season we worked the block and this season she was

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MADISON COURIER 2025 GIRLS AII-COURIERAREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM		
Name/School	Class	Position
Anna Black/Madison	Junior	Outside Hitter
Hadlie Buchanan/Southwestern	Freshman	Outside Hitter
Hillarie Buchanan/Southwestern	Senior	Setter
Ava Canida/Madison	Freshman	Defensive Specialist
Lilly Canida/Madison	Senior	Middle Hitter
Jocelyn Johnson/Southwestern	Senior	Defensive Specialist
Kendra Mahoney/Trimble County	Junior	Outside Hitter
Audrey Miller/Madison	Senior	Setter
Brittain Neuman/Madison	Junior	Middle Hitter
Jenna Owens/Southwestern	Senior	Outside Hitter
Emery Pierce/Trimble County	Freshman	Middle Hitter
Rorie Scroggins*/Southwestern	Senior	Middle Hitter
*Player of the Year		

Past Winners		
2025 — Rorie Scroggins, Southwestern	Shawe	
2024 — Harlee Hill, Southwestern	2021 — Chloe Preocanin, Madison	
2023 — Kallie Eder, Madison	2020 — Gracie True, Madison	
2022 — Emmaline Leatherman,	2019 — Kylie Eccles, Southwestern	

No. 2 Indiana moves to 12-0, earns Big Ten title game spot with 56-3 win at Purdue

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kaelon Black had two touchdown runs and Fernando Mendoza and Roman Hemby each ran for scores as No. 2 Indiana beat rival Purdue 56-3 on Friday night, completing the first perfect regular season in school history and securing a Big Ten championship game berth.

The Hoosiers (12-0, 9-0, No. 2 CFP) also likely locked up a second straight College Football Playoff berth. They'll find out Saturday whether they'll play No. 1 Ohio State, No. 5 Oregon or No. 15 Michigan a week later for the conference title.

Indiana celebrated by hoisting the Old Oaken Bucket in the series' 100th trophy game, while Curt Cignetti became the first Hoosiers coach since Bo McMillin in 1934-35 to win his first two matchups against Purdue.

"I think we put on one or two," Cignetti said when asked about his pregame remark that he wanted to finish the season with an exclamation point instead of a question mark. "It was a good day."

Purdue (2-10, 0-9) endured more misery in the coldest game ever played at Ross-Ade Stadium, with a kickoff temperature of 24 degrees Fahrenheit. The Boilermakers closed coach Barry Odom's first season with a 10th straight loss and posted their second straight winless season in conference play, the first since 1919-20.

It took the Hoosiers a quarter to adapt to the chilly conditions.

Mendoza, who grew up in Miami and previously attended California,



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Indiana running back Kaelon Black (8) celebrates with teammates after scoring during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Purdue, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.

struggled. He went 8 of 15 for 117 yards and two TDs in less than three quarters. So the Hoosiers flipped the script.

Black opened the scoring with a 1-yard run, Mendoza scooted 7 yards to make it 14-3 early in the second quarter, and Black spun away from a defender for a nimble 16-yard TD run with 3:40 to play in the first half. Hemby closed out the first-half scoring with an 82-yard TD run down Purdue's sideline, stiff-arming the only potential tackler who had a chance to catch him, for a 28-3 lead.

The Hoosiers sealed it with Mendoza's two third-quarter TD passes — 17 yards to Elijah Sarratt and 43 yards to Omar Cooper Jr.

Odom didn't want to discuss how the Boilermakers suffered their worst

home loss to Indiana one year after suffering the worst loss in school history to the Hoosiers, 66-0. Instead, he was pondering how to turn things around next season, starting in the transfer portal.

"I want guys that really like ball, guys that like the process of what it's supposed to take," he said. "There is going to be a high value placed on guys that have great toughness, that are not just chasing a check, they're chasing the opportunity to get developed and get a degree."

Hemby had 12 carries for a season-high 152 yards while Black ran 13 times for 66 yards. Indiana finished with 355 yards rushing, its second-highest total

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NCAA D-III PLAYOFFS

Hanover football falls to top-ranked North Central in the snow

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College put up a fight but ultimately fell to top-ranked and defending national champion North Central, 38-6, in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs on a snowy Saturday in Naperville, Illinois.

The game was played in near blizzard conditions with the field needing to be cleared several times including an extended halftime. Hanover took advantage of the conditions to stay in the game and only trail 10-0 at halftime.

But North Central (11-0) found its footing in the third quarter, getting a pair of touchdown passes from Garret Wilson to Thomas Skokna and a punt return for a touchdown by Jalen Johnson to open a 31-0 lead.

North Central added a final touchdown midway through the fourth quarter on Wilson's third touchdown pass of the game.

Hanover broke up the shutout with 3:44 to go on a 23-yard touchdown run by freshman Josh Williams.

Hanover was limited to

231 total yards in the game compared to 347 by North Central. Hanover quarterback Eian Roudebush, one of the most prolific passers in Division III, was held to just 11-for-24 passing for 80 yards and an interception as he battled North Central's powerful defense and the foul weather.

Williams had 75 yards rushing on 10 attempts for Hanover, Blaik Nation had 51 yards on five attempts and Roudebush had 31 yards on 22 attempts. Scotty Johnson caught four passes for 25 yards and Curbrian Shelby had one catch for 34 yards.

North Central's Wilson finished 12-of-16 passing for 233 yards with Skokna catching six balls for 106 yards and two scores. Grant McAtee had four catches for 68 yards.

North Central will host Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the Sweet Sixteen round of the tournament on Saturday. Hanover ends the season with a 9-3 record after going unbeaten in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



David Campbell

Shawe's Gus Grote directs traffic during the Hilltoppers' win over New Washington on Saturday.

Shawe takes over in fourth to beat New Washington 47-41

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe Memorial overcame a three-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat New Washington 47-41 for the Hilltoppers' first boys basketball win of the season Saturday at home.

The Hilltoppers, who led 17-13 at the half, found themselves down 31-28

entering the fourth quarter after trailing by as many as eight (31-23) in the third.

Aiden Edmondson and Gus Grote hit back-to-back baskets to open the fourth to give Shawe the lead and a 3-pointer by Loren Stiver with 2:18 to play put the

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 2 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls at Kentucky Country Day, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys hosts Trinity Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Medora, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Highlands Latin, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co girls host Lexington Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Jennings Co., 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison boys host Batesville, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 BASKETBALL

Hanover women hosts Berea, 7 p.m.
Hanover men at Berea, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls hosts Highlands, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Calvary Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Switzerland Co. at South Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5 BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Southwestern, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls hosts Holmes, 7:30 p.m.
Hanover men at Berea, 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys, Scottsburg Invite, 5 p.m.
Madison boys, Jeffersonville Duals, 6 p.m.

Georgia up to No. 3 behind Ohio State, Indiana in Top 25 shuffle as Oregon, Texas Tech also climb

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

Texas A&M fell out of the top five of The Associated Press college football poll for the first time in two months Sunday, Texas Tech notched its highest ranking in 17 years and a season-high four teams from Group of Five conferences are ranked as the top five got a shuffle with a week to go before the postseason bracket is set.

No. 1 Ohio State and No. 2 Indiana, the only remaining unbeatens, are the top two teams for a seventh straight poll heading into their Big Ten title game clash on Saturday. No. 3 Georgia and No. 4 Oregon each moved up a spot, and Texas Tech's No. 5 ranking is its best since it spent three weeks at No. 2 in November 2008.

Mississippi remained No. 6 and was followed by Texas A&M, which slipped four spots after its 10-point loss at Texas. Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Alabama rounded out the top 10 for the third straight week.

The weekend results created two top-10 matchups in conference championship games this Saturday. Besides the Big Ten showdown, Georgia and Alabama will play for the Southeastern Conference crown. The other Top 25 matchup pits Texas Tech against No. 11 BYU in the Big 12. The Atlantic Coast Conference game matches No. 16 Virginia against a Duke team that is 7-5 and received no votes in Sunday's poll.

No. 12 Miami and No. 13 Vanderbilt traded places in the rankings. The Hurricanes, who finished the regular season with a 31-point road win over Pittsburgh, are the highest-ranked ACC team and hope to receive a College Football Playoff at-large bid. Vanderbilt slipped despite beating Tennessee by 21 points on the road.

James Madison, which will host Troy for the Sun Belt championship game Friday, moved up one spot to No. 19 and is the highest-ranked Group of Five team. Three teams from the American Conference are behind the Dukes: No. 20 North Texas, No. 21 Tulane and No. 24 Navy.

North Texas visits Tulane for the American championship game Friday. Tulane, at No. 24, was the only G5 team in last week's CFP rankings.

IN AND OUT
— No. 22 Arizona is ranked for



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Indiana linebacker Aiden Fisher (4) celebrates with the Old Oaken Bucket trophy after an NCAA college football game against Purdue, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.

the first time since September 2024. The Wildcats won 23-7 at Arizona State in the battle for the Territorial Cup and are on a five-game winning streak.

— No. 23 Navy, which won 28-17 at Memphis, is in the Top 25 for the first time this season and will take its highest ranking since 2019 into the annual showcase game against Army on Dec. 13.

— No. 25 Missouri beat Arkansas by two touchdowns and returned to the poll after a one-week absence.

Tennessee (No. 18), Pittsburgh (No. 24) and SMU (No. 25) dropped out.

POLL POINTS

— Seven straight weeks with the same Nos. 1 and 2 teams is the longest since Georgia and Michigan went 11 weeks in a row as the top two in 2023.

— The American Conference's three Top 25 teams are its most since Nov. 20, 2022, when the same number were ranked. The league record for ranked teams is four, in 2015 and 2019.

— The last time there were four Group of Five teams ranked was the final poll of the 2024 season.

— Tennessee's streak of 33 straight poll appearances ended after it dropped to 8-4 with its loss to Vanderbilt.

CONFERENCE CALL

SEC (8 ranked teams): Nos. 3 Georgia, 6 Mississippi, 7 Texas A&M, 8 Oklahoma, 10 Alabama, 13 Vanderbilt,

14 Texas, 25 Missouri.

Big Ten (5): Nos. 1 Ohio State, 2 Indiana, 4 Oregon, 17 Southern California, 18 Michigan.

Big 12 (4): Nos. 5 Texas Tech, 11 BYU, 15 Utah, 22 Arizona.

ACC (3): Nos. 12 Miami, 16 Virginia, 24 Georgia Tech.

American (3): Nos. 20 North Texas, 21 Tulane, 23 Navy.

Independent (1): No. 9 Notre Dame.

Sun Belt (1): No. 19 James Madison.

RANKED VS. RANKED

No. 2 Indiana (12-0, 9-0 Big Ten) vs. No. 1 Ohio State (12-0, 9-0), Saturday, at Indianapolis: It's a matchup of Heisman Trophy front-runners in QBs Fernando Mendoza of Indiana and Julian Sayin of Ohio State. Hoosiers are one of two teams to score more than 530 points this season (532). Buckeyes are only team to give up fewer than 100 points (93).

No. 4 Georgia (11-1, 7-1 SEC) vs. No. 10 Alabama (10-2, 7-1), Saturday, at Atlanta: This will be the fourth meeting of these teams in a SEC championship game since 2018. Crimson Tide handed Georgia its only loss this season, 24-21 on Sept. 27. Bulldogs have rolled off eight straight wins since.

No. 11 BYU (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) vs. No. 5 Texas Tech (11-1, 8-1), Saturday, at Arlington, Texas: Each team will be playing in the Big 12 championship game for the first time. Red Raiders dominated the regular-season meeting in Lubbock, winning 29-7.

Cardinals rout Cats in 41-0 blowout

BY JOSEPH RUSSELL
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky football, for the second year in a row, was embarrassed in its Governor's Cup rivalry game against the Louisville Cardinals, losing by a lopsided 41-0 Saturday at L&N Stadium.

“Not very proud of our effort here today, obviously,” UK head coach Mark Stoops said. “I’m not very pleased with the way we finished the season.”

The Wildcats lost 41-14 to the Cardinals last season to finish 4-8 on the season. This season, the loss brought UK to 5-7, still finishing short of a bowl game and formally ending the season.

Kentucky was poor on all sides of the ball in the contest against a battered Louisville squad, which was forced to march out a less-than-100% Miller Moss at quarterback and true freshman walk-on Braxton Jennings as the starting running back. Kentucky was also without starting wide receiver Chris Bell.

Moss finished the game throwing for 182 yards and three touchdowns, also running the ball for 18 additional yards. Deuce Adams also played in the contest and he had two rushes for eight yards.

As for Jennings, the



Darrell Bird/The Cats' Pause

Kentucky's Lorenzo Cowan hits Louisville quarterback Miller Moss, forcing a fumble during the Governor's Cup game on Saturday.

finished the game with 113 yards while backup redshirt freshman Shaun Boykins Jr. added 101 yards and a touchdown.

The problems for Kentucky started first with the special teams unit, which gifted Louisville its first touchdown of the night courtesy of a blocked punt. Kicker Jacob Kauwe would also miss his only field goal attempt, missing from 52 yards out in Kentucky's only scoring opportunity of the day.

It wasn't much better for the Kentucky offense, though.

Cutter Boley, one year removed from a struggling performance as a true freshman against the Cardinals last season, threw for just 107 yards with a completion percentage of 52%. Boley also had two interceptions in the second half, the second of which started a scuffle on the field.

On the ground, Kentucky struggled for yet another week as the running back trio of Seth McGowan, Dante Dowdell and Jason Patterson combined for 54 yards, all being led by Dowdell's 27 yards.

“We just didn't play very

good,” Stoops said. “We were making strides, we certainly didn't (continue that). We have work to do.”

On defense, UK's injury issues remained, with DJ Waller Jr. making his return to the Wildcats after being out with injury since week one. Unfortunately, Waller Jr. was immediately injured on the first drive of the game. Grant Grayton would fill in for him, with Louisville quickly targeting the freshman.

Kentucky would also start the game without Dyllon Williams, who remained suspended from his targeting call against Vanderbilt until halftime.

“We're going to work like we always do, we're trying to build this roster,” Stoops said. “We've been in tough spots before and we're going to continue to improve. We have to get more depth.”

All in all, the Kentucky defense would finish the game allowing 440 Cardinal yards and 25 first downs en route to a blowout loss.

With the loss, Kentucky fell to 5-6 under Stoops against Louisville following the win in 2021 being vacated. Even counting the scratched win, Stoops is 6-6 against the Cardinals.

Kentucky will not return to action this season and will instead transition into its offseason, with plenty of questions left to answer.

Kentucky fires SEC's longest-tenured coach in Mark Stoops in his 13th season

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky has fired the Southeastern

Conference's longest-tenured coach, ending Mark Stoops' tenure in his 13th season with the Wildcats after back-to-back losing records.

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart said in a statement Monday morning that he informed Stoops they decided to go in a new direction and started a national search for his replacement.

“We will continue to make the necessary investments to recruit an elite head coach, players, and support staff,” Barnhart said. “That includes fully funding revenue-sharing and NIL opportunities, providing state-of-the-art facilities, and ensuring our student-athletes have every resource to thrive.”

Kentucky has become the sixth SEC program to change coaches this season, joining Auburn, Arkansas, Florida, LSU and Mississippi.

Stoops had been tied with N.C. State coach Dave Doeren for the fifth longest-tenured coach at a Bowl Subdivision program. He trailed only Kirk Ferentz with 27 seasons at Iowa, Kyle Whittingham with 21 at Utah, Troy Calhoun with 19 at Air Force and Dabo Swinney with 18 at Clemson.

Stoops signed an extension in November 2022 taking him through June 2031 and paying him \$9 million for the 2025 season. That made him the fifth-highest paid coach in the SEC.

But Kentucky went 5-7 and missed becoming bowl eligible when shutout 41-0 by in-state rival Louisville in its season finale.

MADISON

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able to become a consistent server and back row defender all while maintaining a dominant hitting role for our team."

Scroggins finished the season hitting at a 28.3% clip with an area-leading 350 kills at a 41.3% rate. She also collected 34 blocks, was one of the Rebels' top servers at 91.6% with 38 aces and also collected 82 digs.

But Scroggins' biggest growth area couldn't be measured in stats. She came into the season determined to be a better leader and fulfilled that role to a "T."

"I think I've improved on a lot — especially becoming a leader," Scroggins said. "I felt more capable to be able to talk to the other seniors and just make sure that we were able to take leadership when it was needed, especially for those freshmen and sophomores we had on our team."

That leadership role wasn't lost on Johnson.

"She established a 'lead by example' mentality. Her competitive nature was important to us this season to add to our grit and determination on the court," Johnson said. "She also served as a fantastic role model for our younger players this season by working with them during practice and developing relationships with them so they felt more connected to the team and program. Rorie has been the type of player that thinks 'never give up,' 'how can I get better,' and 'how can I best

help my team."

That never-give-up attitude was on full display in the sectional championship when Southwestern rallied from two-sets down to beat South Ripley. Over a month later, Scroggins is still in awe at what the Lady Rebels accomplished.

"It was crazy. I think we just pulled each other together," Scroggins said. "For the six of us (seniors), if we lost, we were done. And I think we all just pulled together, from the bench to the floor players. We started picking up energy. We started playing together. I think that it just all came together."

Scroggins has plans to play volleyball in college and currently has several options that she is working through. She wants to make sure that wherever she chooses is the right spot.

"She truly has a special place in my heart among the many players that I have coached over the years and I look forward to her continuing her volleyball career at the next level," Johnson said. "It has been an honor coaching Rorie and watching her develop into the player she is today. I wish her all the best."



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COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe junior varsity boys basketball opened the season with a pair of wins over the weekend.

On Friday, Shawe knocked off Columbus Christian 45-38. Taylor Ralston had 22 points for the Hilltoppers including 20 in the fourth quarter.

On Saturday, Shawe beat New

Washington 28-7 in a two-quarter game. Ralston and Clark Nichter each had six points while Pedro Gondim and Cruz Barron scored four each.

Shawe, now 2-0, travels to Medora on Tuesday and hosts Southwestern on Friday.

•Shawe and Trimble County split a pair of junior high boys basketball games on Monday, Nov. 24.

Trimble won the seventh grade game 44-22. Oscar Rangel had seven points for the Hilltoppers and Lucas Pennington scored six.

Shawe won the eighth grade game 60-29. Patrick Kahn had 26 points for Shawe and Johnny Cooke scored 12.

Shawe hosts Switzerland County on Tuesday.

Bengals' dominant win over Ravens sparks hope for late-season playoff push

BY JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zac Taylor said all it would take is one win for the Cincinnati Bengals to get momentum for a late-season run.

Taylor's squad will have the opportunity to prove their coach right after playing their most complete game of the season, a 32-14 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday night.

Franchise quarterback Joe Burrow completed 24 of 46 for 261 yards and a pair of second-half touchdowns. But it was the defense's performance that helped the Bengals snap a three-game skid and win for the first time in five weeks.

Al Golden's much-maligned defense not only allowed a season-low 14 points, but it also forced five turnovers.

The Bengals entered last in total defense (415.8 yards per game) and against the run (156 yards per game). They gave up only 346 yards, held Derrick Henry to 60 rushing yards, and kept the Ravens to 3 of 10 on third downs.

"We kept them guessing. When you have pressure in your face, it's hard to make your throws and go through your progressions. I just felt like we kept (Lamar Jackson) on his toes," cornerback Dax Hill said.

Special teams also picked up the slack when Evan McPherson became the third player in franchise history with at least six field goals



Stephanie Scarbrough/AP photo

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow (9) joined by safety Geno Stone (22), defensive end Myles Murphy (99) and center Ted Karras (64) talks with NBC Sports sideline reporter Melissa Stark, right, after NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Thursday, Nov. 27, in Baltimore.

in a game.

Burrow completed 7 of 12 for 83 yards and a touchdown when facing pressure. He was 16 of 27 for 203 yards when he had more than 2.5 seconds to throw. The sixth-year QB missed nine games because of a turf toe injury. He said he felt back to form when he connected with Andrei Iosivas for a 29-yard touchdown late in the third quarter to extend the Bengals' lead to 29-14.

The win puts the Bengals at 4-8 for the second straight season and needing to win out to have any chance of making the playoffs for the first time since 2022.

Cincinnati won out last season but missed the final

wild card. Their only path to the postseason might be winning the AFC North. With Thursday's win, and if Pittsburgh loses to Buffalo on Sunday, the Bengals would be two games out. The Steelers and Ravens would both be 6-6.

Pittsburgh and Baltimore have tougher stretches to end the season — including a pair of meetings. Cincinnati is at Buffalo on Dec. 7 and hosts the Ravens the following week, but it ends the season against Miami, Arizona, and Cleveland.

If the Bengals can clear the first two hurdles, the climb becomes less daunting.

According to ESPN analytics, Cincinnati has a

5.3% chance of making the playoffs and 4.9% odds of winning the division after Thursday night's win.

"We know what it looks like, and we know what it feels like. We know what the urgency level is," Taylor said. "It doesn't really change how we operate in any way, shape, or form because we just keep going on a week-to-week basis and doing our best to find a win."

WHAT'S WORKING

Despite missing All-Pro pass rusher Trey Hendrickson, the Bengals found a way to get pressure. They had their second-highest pressure rate this season, getting to Lamar Jackson



Nick Wass/AP photo

Cincinnati Bengals tight end Tanner Hudson (87) catches a touchdown pass against Baltimore Ravens safety Kyle Hamilton (14) during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 27, in Baltimore.

on 39.5% of his dropbacks. Joseph Ossai had two sacks and a team-high six pressures. Myles Murphy tied his season high with five pressures.

for 95 yards.

STOCK DOWN

RB Samaje Perine fumbled at the Ravens' 16 midway through the fourth quarter.

INJURIES

LB Brian Asamoah II left the game with a knee injury and did not return. HB Tahj Brooks (concussion), WR Jermaine Burton (ankle), DE Trey Hendrickson (hip/pelvis), and WR Tee Higgins (concussion) were inactive.

KEY NUMBER

3-1: Bengals record in division games this season.

STOCK UP

WR Ja'Marr Chase returned from his one-game suspension. He had seven receptions for 110 yards. Most of Chase's success came outside the numbers, where he had five catches

WHAT'S NEXT

The Bengals are at Buffalo on Dec. 7. Cincinnati has won three of its last four against the Bills. That includes a 2022 AFC divisional round playoff win.

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this season and sixth 300-yard game this season.

Purdue's Ryan Browne was 25 of 47 for 238 yards and threw an interception on the second offensive play of the game. The Boilermakers had just 282 total yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Purdue: The Boilermakers were more competitive in 2025 than 2024. But the result was similar. Purdue enters next year on another losing streak, this time 10 games instead of 11, and still trying to snap its school record 18-game skid in conference play.

Indiana: Many wondered if the Hoosiers would be one-hit wonders after last year's historic season. But Cignetti promised there would be no decline in 2025 — and there wasn't. With the nation's second-best scoring offense and scoring defense, a



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza (15) runs toward the end zone to score while being pursued by Purdue linebacker Charles Correa (5) during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.

Heisman Trophy front-runner and a perfect record, the Hoosiers are better positioned to make a playoff run than they were last

year.

UP NEXT

Purdue: Another offseason

roster overhaul.

Indiana: The Big Ten championship game next Saturday in Indianapolis.



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Indiana linebacker Kellan Wyatt (13) breaks up a pass intended for Purdue wide receiver Nitro Tuggle, left, during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Purdue running back Malachi Thomas (24) is hit by Indiana linebacker Isaiah Jones (46) and defensive back Devan Boykin, bottom right, during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.

BASKETBALL

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Hilltoppers out front for good.

Cavaan Hambrick scored 13 points to lead Shawe while Stiver and Edmondson scored 12 points each. Hambrick and Edmondson had six rebounds each.

Carson James scored 22 points and had seven rebounds for New Washington and Jake Clemons scored 10.

Shawe opened the season with a 62-48 loss at Columbus Christian on Saturday.

Stiver had 17 points, Grote scored 12, Hambrick had 10 and Clark Nichter added nine for Shawe.

Shawe, now 1-1 on the season, travels to Medora on Tuesday and hosts Southwestern as part of a boys-

girls doubleheader on Friday.

PACERS FALL ON THE ROAD

Switzerland County boys basketball suffered a 77-44 loss at Lawrenceburg on Saturday.

Corbin Craig had 16 points and four rebounds for the Pacers, Caleb Byrd had nine points and four assists, and Nate Williams had six points and nine rebounds.

Switzerland, now 0-2 on the season, hosts Clarksville on Saturday.

LADY PACERS ROLL TO WIN

Switzerland County girls basketball picked up a 48-13 win at Brown County on Saturday.

No details from the game were available.

Switzerland, now 4-2 on the season, hosts Milan on Tuesday and travels to Christian Academy of Indiana on Saturday.



Shawe's Aiden Edmondson (25) battles with New Washington's Danny Hostetler for a rebound during the Hilltoppers' win on Saturday.

David Campbell



Doug McSchooler/AP photo

Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti looks on during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Purdue, Friday, Nov. 28, in West Lafayette, Ind.

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No. 25 Indiana rolls past Bethune-Cookman 100–56 after break

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tucker DeVries scored 12 of his 20 points in the first half and Lamar Wilkerson added 18 points as No. 25 Indiana routed Bethune-Cookman 100-56 on Saturday.

The Hoosiers are 7-0 for the first time since last making the NCAA Tournament following the 2022-23 season, 50 years after posting the last perfect record in men's college basketball. DeVries also finished with five assists and five 3-pointers as the Hoosiers hit the 100-point mark for the third time this season.

Sam Alexis, Nick Dorn and Trent Sisley each added 14 points off the bench and Alexis also had eight rebounds as Indiana retained its distinction as the only unbeaten Football Bowl Subdivision school that

also has unbeaten men's and women's basketball teams.

Jakobi Heady had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead Bethune-Cookman (2-6), which has lost four its last five games. Daniel Rouzan finished with 10 points and was the only other Wildcats player to reach double figures.

Hoosiers coach Darien DeVries, Tucker's father, said earlier this week he was concerned with how his players would return from the short Thanksgiving break. But they started fast and made sure it was never really close.

Indiana jumped out to a quick 14-5 lead then used a 15-2 run midway through the first half to make it 37-15. The Hoosiers then closed the half on a 13-4 spurt to take a 51-23 lead, making 7 of 18 3-pointers in the first half — a dramatic turnaround from recent seasons when the



Indiana guard Tayton Conerway (6) battles for a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Bethune-Cookman, Saturday, Nov. 29, in Bloomington, Ind.

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Hoosiers were among the nation's least efficient perimeter teams.

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Friend shrugs off concerning memory issues

DEAR ERIC: I have a good friend whose memory seems to me to be slipping. She laughs it off, saying she has so much going on that she can't remember things, but I think there is something else happening.

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Should I say something and encourage her to see a doctor? I could talk to her husband to see if he is noticing anything. Maybe he should be the one to encourage her to talk to a doctor. — Concerned Friend

DEAR FRIEND: Try both options. Talk to her in a kind, nonjudgmental way about what you're noticing and ask her if she's noticed the same things, too. This can be a vulnerable thing to hear about oneself, so empathy is going to be your friend here. Also, reassure her that you're not diagnosing her, but that there's no harm in checking in with her doctor. Isn't it better to be told, "it's nothing" or "it's normal" than to wonder? Even if she's not experiencing a cognitive decline, talking to a professional about the many things she has going on might give rise to other solutions that will make her life easier.

Prevention is also a major component of healthy aging, so talking to a doctor, particularly a geriatrician, now could help her avoid issues in the future.

You can also mention to her husband that you've noticed this pattern and ask him what his observations have been. If he has noticed the same things, it could be helpful and motivating to have his feelings validated. If he hasn't noticed anything, it could put your mind at ease while also prompting him to keep an eye out. The most important thing is that your friend has people in her life who have her best interests in mind and want to make sure she stays safe, healthy and independent.

DEAR ERIC: My wife and I will soon receive a small inheritance from the death of one of my relatives. Since we do not need most of this money, we have decided to distribute it among our children and grandchildren.

Here is the problem: my son's wife had a daughter years before she married my son. We see this person about two or three times a year.

In your opinion, is she entitled to receive the same amount of money from this inheritance as my other grandchildren? Also, is she considered to be a step-grandchild? — Gift Giver

DEAR GIVER: No one is entitled to the money, no matter their relationship with you and your wife. The money is yours to do with as you please and so you ought to consider where and with whom it can do the most good. Also consider how the dynamic within the family would change if you chose not to give your step-granddaughter any money.

If you're just looking for the best way to distribute the funds and wondering if you have to include her equally, the answer is no, you don't. But it seems needlessly complicated to calculate how much a step-relationship is worth in comparison to a blood relationship. Plus, it introduces a hurtful hierarchy.

This ties into the second question. Every family defines the terms and contours of their relationships. So, in some families, a connection of this type might just be considered another grandchild. It's really up to you and to her.

If you desire to have a closer relationship with your son's wife's daughter, you should pursue that separately from the inheritance. As I like to say, money talks but it mumbles, so it's better to say what we feel and what we're trying to communicate directly.

DEAR ERIC: I saw a similarity between my parents and "Overwhelmed," who wrote that hosting all the holidays and special occasions was getting to be too much. You gave the writer several good suggestions. I thought I'd add what my parents did about 10 years ago, when they were in their 70s. They said to my siblings and me, "We have enjoyed hosting for all these years, but it has become too much for us. Moving forward, please work out among yourselves who will host. We will be delighted to show up and bring whatever (dish, wine, et cetera) you ask."

It's not the same as it used to be, of course, but it's OK for traditions to change. We love our parents, and they've earned the rest. We can step up and take turns hosting among the siblings. — The Next Generation

DEAR GENERATION: Shout it from the rooftops: it's OK for traditions to change! I love this. And kudos to your parents for being willing to change and being willing to ask for what they need. It empowers everyone to show up better and more conscientiously and keeps the tradition from petering out.

Still-married grandson wants to bring his new girlfriend to visit

DEAR ERIC: Our grandson, who is still married but separated from his wife of five years, wants to visit at Christmas for a week with his new girlfriend. We

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Asking Eric



would love for him to visit it but not with any new friend.

How can we tell him without hurting his feelings and damaging our relationship? Or should we open up our home to him and his new companion and make the best of it? — Uneasy Grandma

DEAR GRANDMA: Entertaining a person you don't know for a full week is a bit of a heavy lift, if you ask me. Even though your feelings about the situation are no doubt affected by the newness of the relationship and the unfinished nature of his last relationship, it's probably best to focus solely on the question of whether you want to make this holiday about getting to know someone new.

It's fine to talk it through with your grandson. You can tell him that you are looking forward to seeing him and what the holiday means to you. Tell him, also, that you're happy he's found a new relationship, but ask if you can separate meeting her from the holiday. Maybe this is less possible because of the logistics of travel, but it's worth talking through why this has to happen right now.

If you can, try to stay away from blanket statements like "you can come but she can't." Instead, talk about the holiday you're envisioning and listen to what he says he's envisioning. There's a compromise in there somewhere.

DEAR ERIC: For the past two years, dear friends have sent me and my spouse a gourmet food gift for Christmas. It is something they enjoy, and while we enjoy it, too, it is in such a large quantity that we find it impossible to eat it all in a reasonable amount of time.

It is something that keeps well if refrigerated or frozen, but it takes up space. We prefer not to receive this particular gift again this year (we still have some left from last year) but fear it would be rude to mention it because 1) we don't want to appear ungrateful and 2) it assumes that they will be giving us a gift this year, which seems presumptuous.

Do we say nothing and accept the gift graciously, or is there a way to address this in such a way that won't prove embarrassing to either the givers or the recipients? — Overstocked

DEAR OVERSTOCKED: It may toe the line of presumptuousness to say something, but I think you can get away without going over. This has become a trend, one that you both enjoyed, so it's reasonable to point that out and tell them that, as much as you love the gourmet gift, in case they were thinking of sending another one this year you want to save them the money because you can't finish it all.

Sometimes it can feel awkward to point out the ways that friendships or other relationships function. But by not saying "hey, I notice we do this thing ..." we risk falling into patterns that no longer serve us. Whereas, if we get in the habit of talking about our friendships with our friends, it becomes easier for the relationship to change as we change.

An alternative option, if you decide that you'd rather not bring the gift up with your friends: you can split the food with another friend or two and start a new tradition.

DEAR ERIC: I have several adult grandchildren we seldom see as they live in different states from us, and my husband has disabilities that prevent us from traveling. We send them gifts for birthdays and Christmas, but they never thank us or even acknowledge that they received a gift.

I've started sending checks, so at least I can see if the check was cashed. I seriously want to stop sending gifts because of this, and also since we're retired money is very tight. What do you think I should be doing? I enjoy reading your column. — Unthanked

DEAR UNTHANKED: If you want to stop sending gifts, do so. We don't give to receive thanks, of course, we give because it's an expression of what we feel. But if that expression is one-sided or the feeling changes, it's fine to adjust the arrangement.

Gifts given to children often have different expectations or standards than those given to adults. (But, as always, children can also send thank-you notes.)

If what you're wanting is a closer relationship with your grandchildren, you might try telling them that directly. Inform them that instead of presents this year, you'd like to set a time to have a catch-up phone call. Ask them if that's something they can do. It might change the dynamic on both sides.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at eric@askingeric.com or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, PA 19110.

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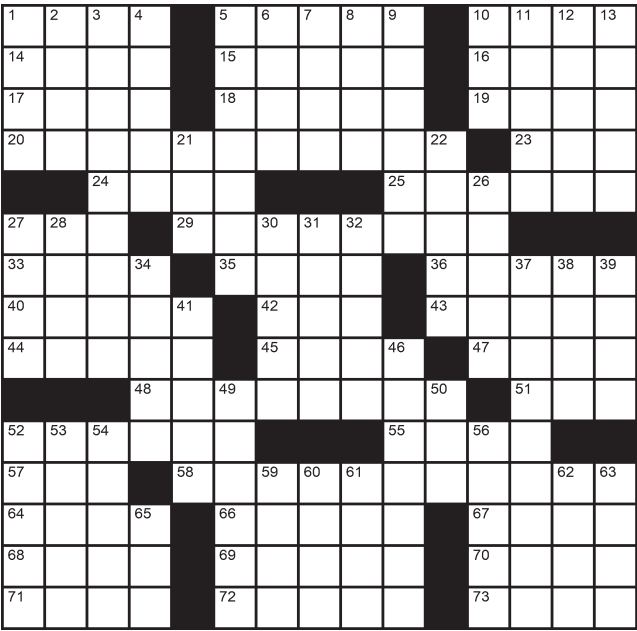
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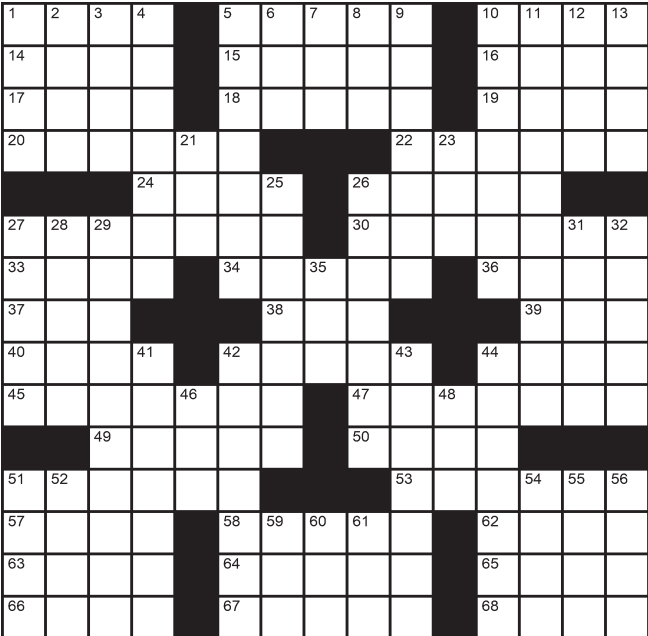
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Girls flag football is finally catching on; Florida high schools were 20 years early

BY ALYCE BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — For Alicia and Taylor Jones, whether they would play football in high school was never really a question.

When the identical twins stepped foot onto the football field as freshmen in 2023, they became the fourth and fifth daughters in their family to carry on the family tradition of playing flag football. It's all happened at the girls flag football dynasty built by Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida, a program that's racked up 10 state championships.

“Our sisters tried so hard, they put in all the work,” said Taylor. “So it lets us do the same thing.”

They're hardly alone. Girls flag football is rapidly spreading through high schools in the U.S., with 14 states sanctioning it as an official high school sport in the last three years. The growth has been helped along by millions of dollars from benefactors like Nike and the NFL and has unfolded as interest in women's sports explodes.

But for Florida and its community full of families like the Joneses, it's nothing new. Girls have been playing flag football there for over 20 years, and recent participation numbers in the state have over 10,000 girls across four divisions and more than 450 schools.

THE “ENTIRE WORLD” OF FLORIDA GIRLS FLAG
It all started back in 2003. Florida became the first state to sanction high school girls flag football and since then, it's been adopted on a county-by-county basis — and has



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Robinson High School girls flag football coach Joshua Saunders talks to some of his players during a practice, Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Tampa, Fla.

taken quite a foothold.

Certain schools have evolved into dynasties. Robinson is one and, just 30 minutes across Tampa, Alonso High School is another. Alonso has four state titles of their own, and the teams starred in a Nike commercial together four years ago.

“When I got introduced to it I didn’t realize there was an entire world behind it,” said Natalie Fischer, a sophomore at Alonso who discovered the sport after moving from Malaysia to Florida. “It really changed my life.”

One of the main backbones of that world is the generations of women who played flag before it was a part of the national consciousness — and they’re helping usher their beloved sport into its new era. Most Thursdays you can find one of them, Deliah Autry-Jones, on the sidelines of Robinson practice, watching the team run drives up and down the field as the sun sets.

“I decided what better way to give back than to the program that just absolutely changed everything for me?”

she said.

That moment that changed everything was when Autry-Jones discovered flag football at Robinson back in 2009. She’s now spent five years on the U.S. Women’s Flag national team and has a real shot at the 2028 Olympics, where flag football will make its debut.

Returning to Robinson as an assistant coach was an important check on her list.

Autry-Jones is just one example of an early adoption perk: programs have been around long enough for star alumni to come back as coaches. She is joined by fellow alumnus Kylee Gorngratum on the coaching staff at Robinson, and alum Letrice Hall is on staff at Alonso.

“It’s really just nice to have somebody in your shoes. It’s such a prestigious program, not everybody understands,” said Paige Halverson, Robinson’s quarterback. “To have somebody that you can go to and that understands what you’re going through, it’s really important.”

National interest in these prestigious programs is only increasing, and for Alonso

coach Matt Hernandez and Robinson coach Joshua Saunders, that means a lot of messages.

“If you google girls flag football coaching, our names pop up,” Saunders said. “So about once every month, I’ll get a coach that just says ‘Hey, I’ve just started a program in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Do you have any advice?’”

He tells them to focus on “patience, really. And give yourself some grace. It’s still convincing a 15 year-old girl that this is going to be important to her.”

WHAT’S UP NEXT?

If asked to look forward, a number of Florida high school players have dreams of playing flag football in college — “I love it so much, I wouldn’t be able to stop playing,” said Robinson junior Sarah Williams — and the collegiate opportunities are slowly developing.

Currently, at least 65 NCAA schools sponsor girls flag football at the club or varsity level, with the majority being at the club level. It was recently approved to join the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program, the first step to possibly becoming an official sport for Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 athletics. Players are still hoping and pushing.

“Seeing the freshmen last year was a really big thing for me because half of them wanted to play in college. Half of them are like ‘Hey, it’s possible,’” said Alonso senior Gabriella Werr.

“Flag is going to keep growing very fast, and I think that’s going to be a shock to some people,” said Werr, “but not to others.”



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In this April 6, 2006, file photo, Fuzzy Zoeller encourages the crowd to be quiet on the second hole during first round play at the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

Two-time major winner Fuzzy Zoeller, long haunted by a racist joke about Tiger Woods, dies at 74

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Fuzzy Zoeller, a two-time major champion and one of golf's most gregarious characters whose career was tainted by a racially insensitive joke about Tiger Woods, has died, according to a longtime colleague. He was 74.

A cause of death was not immediately available. Brian Naugle, the tournament director of the Insperity Invitational in Houston, said Zoeller's daughter called him Thursday with the news.

Zoeller was the last player to win the Masters on his first attempt, a three-man playoff in 1979. He famously waved a white towel at Winged Foot in 1984 when he thought Greg Norman had beat him, only to defeat Norman in an 18-hole playoff the next day.

But it was the 1997 Masters that changed his popularity.

Woods was on his way to a watershed moment in golf with the most dominant victory in Augusta National

history. Zoeller had finished his round and had a drink in hand under the oak tree by the clubhouse when he was stopped by CNN and asked for his thoughts on the 21-year-old Woods on his way to the most dominant win ever at Augusta National.

“That little boy is driving well and he’s putting well. He’s doing everything it takes to win. So, you know what you guys do when he gets in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not serve fried chicken next year. Got it?,” Zoeller said.

He smiled and snapped his fingers, and as he was walking away he turned and said, “Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve.”

That moment haunted him the rest of his career.

Zoeller apologized. Woods was traveling and it took two weeks for him to comment as the controversy festered. Zoeller later said he received death threats for years after that moment.

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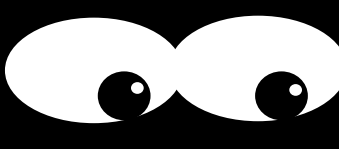
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